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SUBJECT: NATO CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING (CEP): INTERNA-
TIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE ORGANIZATION

1. US MISSION GENEVA AIRGRAM A-22 FORWARDED TO THE
DEPARTMENT A QUESTIONNAIRE ON NATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE
PREPARATIONS FROM THE "INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENSE
ORGANIZATION". THE USG DOES NOT BELONG TO OR PARTICIPATE
IN THIS ORGANIZATION, AND WE DO NOT INTEND TO REPLY TO
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THE QUESTIONNAIRE. US MISSION IN GENEVA THEREFORE SHOULD
NOT RESPOND TO ICDO. IF QUERIED, MISSION SHOULD STATE
THAT, SINCE U.S. IS NOT A MEMBER OF ICDO, WE DO NOT BELIEVE
IT APPROPRIATE THAT WE REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE.

2. THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANIZATION (ICDO) IS
A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION WITHOUT GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP,

BASED IN GENEVA. IT IS THE OUTGROWTH OF THE "LIEUX DE GENEVE" (GENEVA ZONES), WHICH CLAIMED TO HAVE ESTABLISHED SECURITY ZONES IN SPAIN DURING THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR, AND IN FRANCE DURING WW II. ITS TITLE WAS CHANGED TO THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANIZATION IN 1958 AND ITS FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS WAS HELD IN BERLIN THAT YEAR.

THE MEMBERSHIP APPEARS TO BE MADE UP OF NEUTRAL AND NON-ALIGNED NATIONS.

3. USG AND NATO VIEWS ON THE ICDO SEEM TO BE PARALLEL AND OF LONG STANDING.

THE NATO CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE (CDC) AGREED IN 1958 THAT MEMBER NATIONS WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF THE ICDO. THE NATO POLITICAL ADVISORS COMMITTEE (POLADS) REAFFIRMED THIS POSITION IN 1964. DR. MILAN BODI, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION AND A YUGOSLAV REFUGEE, WAS A YUGOSLAV OSS SOURCE DURING WORLD WAR II. HE APPARENTLY HAS BEEN ON THE FRINGES OF VARIOUS INTELLIGENCE ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE EVER SINCE. WE HAVE HAD NO OPERATIONAL CONTACT WITH HIM SINCE OSS DAYS, NOR HAVE WE ANY DEFINITE IDEA OF THE REAL PURPOSE OF HIS ORGANIZATION. OUR LAST RECORD ON HIM DATES FROM 1963 WHEN BODI MADE AN ATTEMPT TO CONTACT U.S. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES.

4. FOR USMISSION GENEVA: WE UNDERSTAND THAT FROM TIME TO TIME, THE U.S. HAS SENT, USUALLY FROM THE U.S. MISSION IN
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GENEVA, OFFICIAL OBSERVERS, REPEAT OBSERVERS, TO ICDO MEETINGS AND SYMPOSIA (THE LAST OF WHICH APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE IN 1965). MISSION SHOULD CONFIRM WHEN OUR LAST SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT WITH ICDO TOOK PLACE.

5. FOR USNATO: IN 1966, THE ICDO ADOPTED A CONSTITUTION, THEREBY SEEKING OFFICIAL RECOGNITION, AND SOLICITED MEMBERSHIP BY THE NATO COUNTRIES. THOSE DECLINING WERE BELGIUM,CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, NORWAY AND THE U.S. WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THE OTHER ALLIES RESPONDED. MISSION SHOULD CONFIRM THAT NONE OF THE ALLIES BELONG TO ICDO. IF QUERIED, YOU MAY STATE THAT WE SIMPLY WISH TO CONFIRM WHAT WE UNDERSTAND TO BE AN ALLIED CONSENSUS THAT THE NATO CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE MEETS ALLIED NEEDS IN THIS FIELD.

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